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S. 187

To establish the position of Assistant United States Trade Representative for Small Business, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 25, 2001

Ms. Snowe (for herself and Mr. Grassley) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred jointly pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged

A BILL

To establish the position of Assistant United States Trade Representative for Small Business, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Small Business En-
- 5 hancement Act of 2001".
- 6 SEC. 2. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTA-
- 7 TIVE FOR SMALL BUSINESS.
- 8 The United States Trade Representative shall estab-
- 9 lish a new position of Assistant United States Trade Rep-

- 1 resentative for Small Business to promote exports by small2 businesses and to remove foreign impediments to the suc-
- 3 cess of such undertakings.
- 4 SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ANALYSIS.
- 5 (a) CBO ANALYSIS.—Title IV of the Congressional
- 6 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) is amended
- 7 by inserting after section 406 the following:
- 8 "SMALL BUSINESS COST ANALYSIS BY CONGRESSIONAL
- 9 BUDGET OFFICE
- 10 "Sec. 407. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the
- 11 Congressional Budget Office shall, to the extent prac-
- 12 ticable, prepare for each bill or resolution of a public char-
- 13 acter reported by any committee of the House of Rep-
- 14 resentatives or the Senate (except the Committee on Ap-
- 15 propriations of each House), and submit to that
- 16 committee—
- "(1) an estimate of the costs which would be in-
- curred in carrying out that bill or resolution in the
- fiscal year in which it is to become effective and in
- each of the 4 fiscal years following such fiscal year,
- 21 together with the basis for each such estimate;
- 22 "(2) an estimate of the cost which would be in-
- curred by small businesses in carrying out or com-
- 24 plying with any significant bill or resolution in the
- 25 fiscal year in which it is to become effective and in

- each of the 4 fiscal years following such fiscal year,
- 2 together with the basis for each such estimate; and
- 3 "(3) a comparison of the estimates of costs de-
- 4 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) with any available
- 5 estimates of costs made by such committee or by a
- 6 Federal agency.
- 7 "(b) Report.—The estimates, comparison, and de-
- 8 scription submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall be in-
- 9 cluded in the report accompanying the bill or resolution
- 10 if timely submitted to such committee before such report
- 11 is filed.
- 12 "(c) Definitions.—In this section—
- "(1) the term 'small business' has the same
- meaning as the term 'small-business concern' in sec-
- tion 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
- 632(a); and
- 17 "(2) the term 'significant bill or resolution'
- means any bill or resolution which in the judgment
- of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office
- 20 is likely to result in an average annual cost to a
- 21 small business of \$1,000 or more, or is likely to have
- 22 exceptional fiscal consequences for a geographic re-
- gion or a particular industry segment.".
- 24 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The table of con-
- 25 tents set forth in section 2(b) of the Congressional Budget

- 1 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-
- $2\,$ serting after the item relating to section 406 the following:

"Sec. 407. Small business cost analysis by Congressional Budget Office.".

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